

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

Myriam E. Torres Roman, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
Municipio de Bayamon, et al.,
Defendants.

Civil Number: 98-1775 (HL)

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SAN JUAN, P.R.

ORDER

The pretrial and settlement conference has been scheduled on
October 2, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. ~~The scheduling order entered in this case shall remain in
full force and effect.~~

In order to conduct a meaningful settlement conference, counsel for the parties are to
appear fully prepared and with full authority to discuss and reach settlement, and shall
comply with the following procedure:

1. The parties are ordered to have their principals available by phone during the
settlement conference.
2. Plaintiffs' counsel shall serve counsel for the defendant with a written demand on
or before **September 25, 2000**, setting forth a settlement figure and the justification
therefor in detail.
3. Counsel for the defendants shall serve counsel for the plaintiffs on or before
September 29, 2000 its written reply accepting, rejecting, or submitting a counter-proposal
to plaintiffs' settlement demand and the justification therefor. Proposed settlement figures
are not to be filed with the Court.

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s/c Deputy
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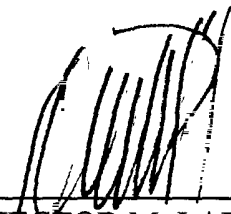
4. Counsel are instructed to meet with each other prior to the scheduled settlement conference in a good faith effort to negotiate and achieve, if possible, settlement.

5. The parties shall meet prior to the conference to prepare a joint, **proposed Pretrial Order**. The proposed Pretrial Order shall be filed two days prior to the pretrial and settlement conference. The Order shall contain each party's (1) factual version; (2) legal theory; (3) witness list accompanied by a short statement of each witness' intended testimony; (4) expert list; and (5) evidence list. In addition, the proposed order shall also include a list of stipulated, uncontested facts.

The Court advises counsel that any unjustified noncompliance with the provisions of this Order, such as being substantially unprepared for counsel's meeting or for the subsequent settlement conference, or failure to participate in good faith in settlement negotiations, shall constitute good cause for the imposition of sanctions under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 18, 2000.



HECTOR M. LAFFITTE
Chief U.S. District Judge.